

**19 November 2019**

**Notice of Motion, Cr Leppert: Obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting**

**Motion**

1. That the Future Melbourne Committee:
  - 1.1. Notes multiple requests from community and interest groups relating to new Australian Standard 4282-2019, 'Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting';
  - 1.2. Requests management to provide a report to this Committee by February 2020 setting out any policy implications for the City of Melbourne, including but not limited to:
    - 1.2.1. The need if any for updating the Public Lighting Strategy 2013 and/or any other endorsed policy or strategy;
    - 1.2.2. The need if any for changing the Council's approach to implementation of the Public Lighting Strategy 2013, or adopting revised lighting designs, in sensitive areas such as Royal Park and the vicinity of the Melbourne Observatory.

**Background**

The City of Melbourne [Public Lighting Strategy](#) 2013 currently refers to the old Standard 4282-1997.

While the Standards old and new are not mandatory statutes in and of themselves, the new standard contains stronger language and is being cited by multiple community groups as a cause to reconsider City of Melbourne policy on outdoor lighting.

From an ecology perspective, the new Standard's approach to the potential effects on animals is informative only and is not covered within the normative parts of the Standard. The appendices are nevertheless useful in understanding the impacts on ecology, and appear to continue to align with the [Royal Park Masterplan](#) 1997, which champions a dark park at night. Some constituents and community groups have raised consistent concerns with new lighting intrusions into Royal Park from the public and private realm, and the extent of light spill from the standard lamp posts designed after passage of the Public Lighting Strategy. The Royal Park Masterplan is expected to undergo an extended review process in coming months.

This motion seeks to gather information and assess if there is a need to revise the City of Melbourne's approach to outdoor lighting.

**Moved: Cr Rohan Leppert**

**Seconded: Deputy Lord Mayor Arron Wood**